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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S STATEMENT ON PALESTINE QUESTION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE
DELIVERED NOVEMBER 7 BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY:

QUOTE:

PRESS RELEASE USUN-139(75) CORR.1
NOVEMBER 7, 1975

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN, UNITED STATES
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, IN PLENARY, ON
THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE, NOVEMBER 7, 1975.
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OUR DISCUSSION COMES TO FOCUS AGAIN THIS YEAR ON ONE ASPECT OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH IS -- ESPECIALLY IN HUMAN TERMS -- MOST SENSITIVE AND DEMANDING.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DETERMINED TO EXERT ITS FULLEST EFFORTS TOWARD A PEACEFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS SETTLEMENT, JUSTLY AND DURABLY DEALING WITH ALL ISSUES COMPRISING THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. LET ME QUOTE WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 22. "I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT HELP NEGOTIATE THIS AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO THE PROCESS OF PEACE BUT TO GIVE IT NEW IMPETUS. PRESIDENT FORD HAS STATED THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT STATEMATE AND STAGNATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THAT WAS TRUE BEFORE THE SINAI AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AND IT REMAINS TRUE TODAY. THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR POLICY IS NOT MERELY TO CREATE ANOTHER TEMPORARY TRUCE BUT TO SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE STEP TO HELP PROMOTE FURTHER PRACTICAL PROGRESS TOWARD FINAL PEACE."

WE RECOGNIZE, IN PARTICULAR, THAT AN EQUITABLE NEGOTIATED SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM MUST BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SUCH A SETTLEMENT. AS SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID EARLIER THIS MONTH, THERE WILL BE NO PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNLESS IT INCLUDES ARRANGEMENTS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. NO ONE CAN DISREGARD THE PALESTINIANS AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN EQUATION OR DENIGRATE THEIR LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN BROADER AND MORE COMPLEX THAN THE ISSUES OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO REFUGEES, CRUCIAL AS THAT MAY BE AT THIS MOMENT. ITS ASPECTS AND RAMIFICATIONS HAVE MULTIPLIED IN RECENT YEARS. NO ONE CAN IGNORE THIS REALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE SHALL NOT DO SO.

PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS ARE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
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ESTABLISHED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THIS FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, HAS FACILITATED THE NOTABLE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND PROVIDES FOR THE FURTHER PROGRESS FOR WHICH WE ARE NOW STRIVING. WE COMMEND THE EFFORT TO PURSUE PALESTINIAN INTERESTS BY MEANS OUTLINED IN THE CHARTER. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS

FRAMEWORK, WE MUST TAKE ISSUE WITH THE WORKING PAPER
PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE.

LAST YEAR, AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, THE UNITED STATES VOTED
AGAINST RESOLUTION 3236. OUR REASON WAS OUR RESERVATION ABOUT
THE EFFICACY OF MEETING THE INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF THE
PALESTINIANS THROUGH RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RATHER THAN THROUGH THE GIVE-AND-TAKE OF THE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS. WE BELIEVE ALSO THAT THE EXHORTATION TO EXERCISE
ANY PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IN PALESTINE CREATES A SERIOUS POLITICAL
AND LEGAL PROBLEM. PART OF THE GEOGRAPHIC ENTITY KNOWN
AS PALESTINE NOW CONSTITUTES THE TERRITORY OF A MEMBER STATE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS A CLAIM TO EXERCISE RIGHTS
IN PALESTINE APPEARS AS A CLAIM WHICH, AT LEAST IN PART,
INVOLVES INTERNAL JURISDICTION OF A MEMBER STATE.

REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO INVITE THE PLO TO GENEVA, WE
NOTE THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS VIEWS AMONG THE PRESENT
PARTIES TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE
CRUX OF THE PROBLEM, AND OUR POLICY IS THAT ANY NEW PARTICIPATION
AT GENEVA CAN ONLY BE THE RESULT OF CAREFUL CONSIDERATION,
NEGOTIATION, AND AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES. WE ARE PREPARED
TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. OUR OWN
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PRESIDENT FORD HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL
ASSIST THE PARTIES IN ANY WAY IT CAN, AS THE PARTIES DESIRE,
TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242
AND 338. WE ARE READY TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
SYRIA AND ISRAEL. WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS AND CONSULT
WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE AND
FORM OF A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE ARE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO ASSURE THAT LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN
INTERESTS ARE BROUGHT INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
WE ARE READY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES ON ONE OR SEVERAL
TRACKS. WE ARE DETERMINED TO PERSEVERE.

BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN OR SUPPORT
CHANGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE PAINSTAKINGLY NE-
GOTIATED FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE
SECURITY COUNCIL AND ACCEPTED BY THE PARTIES. NOR ARE
WE PREPARED TO SUPPORT RIGHTS FOR ONE GROUP
AT THE EXPENSE OF RIGHTS OF OTHERS. WE ARE PREPARED,
HOWEVER, TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATION AND THE PURSUIT
BY PEACEFUL MEANS OF THE SETTLEMENT WE ALL DESIRE.

IT IS IN THIS MANNER THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS
OF THE PALESTINIANS CAN BE MET, AND THEY MUST BE MET FOR
PEACE TO PREVAIL. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY
IN THAT SPIRIT TO ASSIST AS BEST IT CAN, AND PROMOTE
AS IT MUST, TRUE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. UNQUOTE.
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